

tain a total loss of their rightful property; they being widely dispersed over the country, it cannot be supposed that they are sufficiently apprised of the fact to enter caveats; besides, the state of Maryland will ultimately lose an enormous sum of money, which might well be anticipated from sales, when these lands shall become greatly enhanced in their value, at no far distant day, when the grand project of uniting the waters of the Ohio and the Potomac shall succeed, and be happily accomplished, by means of a canal, which is contemplated to run through the neighbourhood of these lands for many miles. For a full reference to the several acts of assembly, passed from time to time, on the subject of these lands—See 1781, ch. 20; 1785, ch. 67; 1788, ch. 44; 1789, ch. 48; 1791, ch. 85; 1792, ch. 80; 1793, ch. 62; 1794, ch. 50; 1804, ch. 67 and 105.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Singleton Du Val.

January 26, 1827.

The said report, together with the accompanying statements of accounts, adjusted with the clerks and sheriffs of several of the counties on said shore, up to the first day of November 1826, and other exhibits, therein mentioned, were referred to the committee on ways and means, and the usual number of copies thereof were ordered to be printed.

Petitions and memorials were this day presented, viz.

By Mr. Peach, a memorial from Margaret Johns Key, of Prince George's county, praying the enlargement of the powers of certain trustees, and to increase their number; referred to Messrs. Peach, Chapman and John Hughes.

By Mr. Du Val, the petition of sundry citizens of Prince-George's county, to authorise and empower the county court of said county, to open a certain road therein mentioned; read and ordered to lie on the table.

By Mr. Tyson, the memorial of John E. Howard, Robert Oliver, James Carroll, John Danell, Thomas Elliott, Philip E. Thomas, George Warner, John B. Morris, James Carey, William B. Barney, and others, inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, counter to the petition praying for the passage of a law to erect a bridge over the Patapsco at Dugan's ferry; referred to the same committee to which was referred the petition, to which said memorial is counter.

By Mr. Buchanan, the memorial of the president, managers and company of the Washington and Baltimore turnpike road, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, praying the passage of a law authorising the building of a bridge over the Patapsco river, near to the Thistle Factory; referred to the same committee to which was referred the petition to which said memorial is counter.

By Mr. Barnes, a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying aid to complete the Westminster, Taneytown and Emmittsburg turnpike road; referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

By Mr. Norris, the petition of James Everitt, of Harford